

DC Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting

May 5, 2004

Minutes

Members in Attendance: Amy Nevel, Chris Craig, Dan Barry, James Koski, Jim Sebastian, Patrick Burke, Rudi Schreiber, Julie Eisenhardt

Lincoln Circle

Alexa Viets told the group about the upcoming construction project at Lincoln Circle (around the Lincoln Memorial). It will be redesigned and reconstructed over the next 18 months.

Some of the improvements should help bicyclists such as improved signage, trail connections, streetlights. Bus parking will be moved.

Tim Bouquet asked if the trail under the bridge would be repaired.

Members asked that barriers be placed in the road so as to allow space for bicyclists during construction.

David van Keuren

The BAC observed a moment of silence for the David van Keuren, who was killed when a truck hit him while riding his bike on South Capitol Street

Bicycle Regulation Changes

Jim Sebastian presented the proposed changes to the bicycle regulations including the elimination of the bike registration requirement. Julie Eisenhardt asked that there be an exemption for the requirement for brakes to allow for fixed gear bikes.

Lieutenant Burke asked about raising the fines for bicyclists who violate traffic rules. Mr. Sebastian said those changes would be made in a separate rulemaking, but at about the same time.

Mr. Sebastian asked if Lt. Burke had any problem with removing the registration requirement. He said no.

Mr. Schreiber asked that we add a rule prohibiting parking in a bike lane. [Mr. Sebastian has since learned that this regulation already exists in the DCMR].

Someone suggested that the regulations require that the city be required to attempt to find owners of *registered* bikes only.

The BAC voted to in favor of the proposed bicycle regulation changes.

South Capitol Street Trail

Carl Ford gave a presentation on the South Capitol Street trail, which needs improving and cleaning. There will be a group cleanup in honor of David van Kueren on Saturday, May 8.

The light post remnants need to be removed. Existing lights need to be turned on.

Mr. Sebastian said that resurfacing of the trail is scheduled for June.

Jim Hudnall asked about developing a new trail along South Capitol Street south of Firth Sterling Avenue. Mr. Sebastian said such a trail is proposed in the draft Bicycle Master Plan, but there are no immediate plans for its design.